

# STAR TREK®

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IN THE ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE ENTERPRISE...

MISTER SCOTT,  
THE CAPTAIN IS  
NOW ABOARD.  
REPORT TO THE  
BRIEFING ROOM  
AT 0900 HOURS.



WITH THE BEBEBEBEQUE COLONY NOW SAFELY TRANSPLANTED ON ANOTHER UNINHABITED WORLD, THE ENTERPRISE RETURNS TO STARFLEET COMMAND HEADQUARTERS...

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STARDATE 7760-5

IN THE ENTERPRISE BRIEFING ROOM...

AS YOU ALL KNOW, MY MEETING AT STARFLEET TODAY WAS TO OUTLINE OUR PART IN THE CELEBRATION...



THE ENTERPRISE AND FIVE OTHER VESSELS ARE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE... A SORT OF SPACESHIP REGATTA!



THAT'S THE STUPIDEST IDEA I'VE EVER HEARD! ARE THEY SERIOUS? CAPT'N, DO WE HAVETA DO IT?



THE RACE IS TO SEE HOW WELL THE CREWS OF THE STARSHIPS WORK TOGETHER UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE...

... I COULD HARDLY TELL THEM THAT THE CREW OF THE ENTERPRISE WOULDN'T WANT TO COMPETE... COULD I?



BESIDES, ADMIRAL NOGURA'S GRANDSON IS A STARFLEET ACADEMY CADET...





STARDATE 7/60-5:  
TO CELEBRATE  
ADMIRAL NOGURA'S  
BIRTHDAY, A  
GROUP OF CADETS  
HEADED BY THE  
ADMIRAL'S GRAND-  
SON, KYOSHI,  
HAVE ORGANIZED  
A STARSHIP  
REGATTA.

I THOUGHT SERIOUSLY  
ABOUT REFUSING THE  
THE INVITATION TO  
ENTER THE RACE...

...BUT, SINCE  
I KNOW THAT  
MY CREW IS  
THE BEST IN  
STARFLEET...

IN THE  
ENTERPRISE  
BRIEFING  
ROOM...

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YER DARNED RIGHT WE ARE, CAPT'N, AN'  
IT'LL BE THE HONOR O' THE ENTERPRISE  
AT STAKE HERE!

I AGREE WITH  
SCOTTY!

ME,  
TOO!

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AFTER THE  
BRIEFING...

YOU'RE AMAZING, JIM!  
10 MINUTES AGO THE  
CREW WASN'T INTERESTED  
IN THE IDEA OF A SPACE-  
SHIP REGATTA...



NOW THEY'RE  
ON FIRE  
WITH  
ENTHUSIASM!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU,  
DOCTOR? I MAJORED IN  
REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY  
AT THE ACADEMY!

JUST WHAT IS  
THE PRIZE  
WE'RE  
COMPETING  
FOR, CAPTAIN?

IT'S A SPECIAL  
AWARD - PROBABLY  
A PLAQUE OR A  
CERTIFICATE OF  
ACHIEVEMENT...



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I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...  
THE PRIZE IS HARDLY WORTH  
THE EFFORT...

R'DWAN - PCH

...BUT I THINK WE ALL COULD USE A  
LIGHT DIVERSION LIKE THIS RACE TO  
SHARPEN US UP!

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ABOARD THE  
ENTERPRISE,  
IN DRYDOCK AT  
STARFLEET HQ...

...PREPARATIONS  
FOR THE REGATTA  
HAVE BEGUN.

IF THERE'S A WAY TA SQUEEZE  
ONE MORE OUNCE O' SPEED  
OUTTA THESE ENGINES, I'VE  
GOTTA FIND IT!

TEST OF  
CONTROL CIRCUIT  
POSITIVE!

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YOU'RE IN MY  
LIGHT, MISTER!  
SORRY!  
OUCH! MY FINGER!

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ELSEWHERE,  
KIRK ALSO  
PREPARES...

I'M GLAD THE  
ADMIRAL'S  
BIRTHDAY HAS  
BROUGHT US  
TOGETHER, JIM!

A TOAST... TO  
THE SPIRIT OF  
COMPETITION,  
VERA!

DIVANO - HARRIS

THE BOLD VENTURE IS A  
GOOD SHIP, VERA...

RACING AGAINST  
YOU WILL BE...  
INTERESTING.

I MEAN IT  
WHEN I SAY  
THAT I OWE  
GETTING  
THIS COMMAND  
TO YOU, JIM.  
YOU WERE  
A GOOD  
TEACHER.

ALL THE TIME  
YOU WERE IN  
MY CLASS AT  
THE ACADEMY,  
YOU WERE  
ACTUALLY  
LISTENING TO  
WHAT I SAID?

NOT AT FIRST.  
I HAD A  
CRUSH ON YOU,  
THE SAME AS  
THE OTHER  
GIRLS IN THE  
FRONT  
ROW!



DIVANO - HARRIS



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THE ENTERPRISE IS IN DRYDOCK, JIM? YOU MUST HAVE HAD A ROUGH MISSION. HOW EXTENSIVE ARE THE REPAIRS?

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WE HAD A BRUSH WITH THE KZINTI, AND...

D. DIVONO - P. HARRIS



YOU ALMOST TRAPPED ME, VERA. I'D FORGOTTEN HOW SLICK YOU ARE AT GETTING YOUR OPPONENTS TO REVEAL THEIR WEAKNESSES!

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I'LL STOP THE POLITE FENCING ... IF YOU WILL. IS IT ANY CRIME IF I WANT TO WIN THIS RACE?



NO... AND I HAVE TO ADMIT, A SIMILAR STRATEGY ENTERED MY MIND WHEN I ACCEPTED YOUR DINNER INVITATION!

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ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

WHERE'S THE CAPTAIN?

HE HAD A DINNER ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CAPTAIN OF THE BOLD VENTURE...



THAT CAN ONLY BE VERA DiMARCO!

SPOCK, YOU DON'T HAVE DINNER WITH A DALGORIAN WATER VIPER, YOU TRY TO KEEP IT FROM EATING YOU ALIVE!



REALLY, DOCTOR!



MEANWHILE, IN THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS ABOARD THE BOLD VENTURE...

WHEN WE WERE AT THE ACADEMY, JIM, OUR TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP CREATED QUITE A SOCIAL GULF BETWEEN US...



... NOW, I'M A STARSHIP CAPTAIN...



REALLY, DOCTOR!

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ABOARD THE  
BOLD VENTURE...



I THINK I'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE ENTERPRISE, VERA. THERE'S A LOT TO DO BEFORE THE RACE TOMORROW.



KIRK HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO A CANDLELIGHT SUPPER WITH VERA DIMARCO, CAPTAIN OF THE BOLD VENTURE, A SHIP COMPETING IN ADMIRAL NOGURA'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA...

IN THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS...



YOU STILL HAVE HANG-UPS ABOUT OUR FORMER TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP, DON'T YOU, JIM?

NO.  
I'M TRYING TO KEEP MY PERSPECTIVE.  
WE'RE COMPETING IN A RACE...

... AND THE ONE THING I'LL NEVER FORGET ABOUT YOU IS THAT WHILE MOST OF MY OTHER STUDENTS WORKED AT THEIR ASSIGNMENTS...

...YOU ATTACKED YOURS!



AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS TODAY? THEY'RE ANONYMOUS COGS IN THE STARFLEET MACHINE!

JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A RACE, NOT A LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLE FOR GALACTIC DOMINATION!

HERE'S TO TOMORROW, THEN...

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Sharman  
Divono  
Ron Harris  
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MY GRANDFATHER ASKED ME TO PERSONALLY CONVEY TO YOU HIS PLEASURE THAT THE ENTERPRISE IS COMPETING IN HIS BIRTHDAY REGATTA, ADMIRAL KIRK.



THANK YOU,  
KYOSHI!



CADET KYOSHI  
NOGURA HAS  
COME ABOARD  
THE ENTERPRISE  
TO DISCUSS  
THE RULES OF  
THE REGATTA...

THERE'S ONE  
THING I DONNA  
UNDERSTAND...

THERE'RE AT  
LEAST THREE  
DIFFERENT  
CLASSES O'  
SHIPS  
COMPETIN'!

IN THIS RACE,  
ENGINEER  
SCOTT, SPEED  
WON'T  
COUNT...

...INGENUITY  
WILL!

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TO INSURE THAT EACH SHIP HAS A  
FAIR CHANCE REGARDLESS OF  
SIZE, YOU'VE ALL BEEN GIVEN  
A HANDICAP RATING.

THIS ENVELOPE ISN'T TO  
BE OPENED UNTIL YOU  
REACH THE FIRST  
CHECKPOINT, ADMIRAL.

BECAUSE ENTERPRISE IS WARP  
12 CRUISER, SHE BE LAST TO  
CLOCK OUT.

IT'S YOUR TASK, WHICH  
YOU MUST COMPLETE IN  
ORDER TO WIN THE RACE!

WHY ALL  
THE  
SECRETLY,  
KYOSHI?

THIS RACE CLOSELY  
APPROXIMATES A  
TYPE POPULAR ON  
EARTH 300 YEARS  
AGO WHEN THE  
INTERNAL COMBUS-  
TION ENGINE WAS  
COMMON...

I BELIEVE  
IT WAS CALLED  
A "RALLY".  
TO VIOLATE  
THE RULES OF  
SECRETLY  
MEANT  
IMMEDIATE  
DISQUALIFICATION.

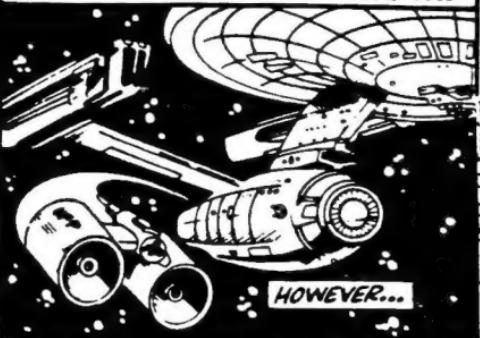
...AND SO IT  
DOES HERE!

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KYOSHI NOGURA AND THE OTHER STARFLEET ACADEMY CADETS FINISH THEIR BRIEFING OF THE ENTERPRISE CREW AND DEPART...



ONE THING FASCINATES ME ABOUT YOUR REGATTA, KYOSHI...



... IT'S DESIGNED TO BRING OUT THE BEST AND THE WORST IN ALL PARTICIPANTS!

ON THE ENTERPRISE, MEANWHILE...

THE CUTTER CLASS VESSEL, RIM EXPLORER, HAS JUST CLOCKED OUT, CAPTAIN!

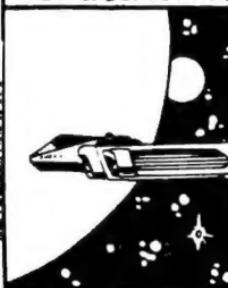


IN HIS QUARTERS, KIRK BROODS OVER WHAT TASK THE CADETS HAVE IN STORE FOR THE ENTERPRISE...

WHY AM I OBSESSED WITH WHAT'S IN THIS ENVELOPE? IT'S JUST A RACE!



MEANWHILE, THE CUTTER-CLASS SHIP, RIM EXPLORER, HAS REACHED THE FIRST CHECKPOINT...



IT SAYS HERE THAT WE'RE TO PLOT A COURSE FOR THE HYDRA DACO SYSTEM...

... AND BRING BACK A DEEP-SEA BATFISH!



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AS THE ENTERPRISE  
WAITS FOR A SIGNAL  
TO START THE  
RACE...

SPOCK, WHEN DID  
THE BOLD VENTURE  
LEAVE?

SHE WAS  
THE FOURTH  
SHIP OUT,  
CAPTAIN!

BUT CAPTAIN  
DIMARCO, WE  
WON'T REACH  
THE FIRST  
CHECKPOINT  
FOR...

...IF WE CAN PLOT  
OUR NEXT COURSE  
BEFORE THE  
CHECKPOINT, WE  
CAN SAVE  
PRECIOUS TIME!

THIS SHOULD BLOCK  
THE LOCK'S SECURITY  
SIGNAL JUST LONG  
ENOUGH FOR US TO  
PEEK AT OUR TASK,  
CAPTAIN.

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TIME OUT -  
0740 HOURS!

AHEAD  
WARP 7!



AND WE'RE  
OFF!

YAHOO!

MEANWHILE, SEVERAL LIGHT YEARS AWAY,  
THE STARFLEET ACADEMY CADETS IN  
CHARGE OF THE REGATTA ARE PREPARING  
SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE RACERS...

KYOGH! THERE'S  
A SHIP ON OUR  
TAIL, CLOSING  
FAST!

WE'RE NEARING THE  
FREE TRADER LANES! GIVE  
THE PREARRANGED SIGNAL!

THEY ACKNOWLEDGED IT!  
PREPARE TO DOCK WITH  
STATION!



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AS KIRK PONDERS WHAT TASK MAY BE IN STORE FOR THE ENTERPRISE...

WE'RE COMING UP ON THE CHECKPOINT, CAPTAIN!

AS THE ENTERPRISE, THE LAST STARSHIP TO BEGIN THE RALLY-STYLE REGATTA, NEARS THE FIRST CHECKPOINT...

I BELIEVE WE CAN NOW OPEN THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING OUR ASSIGNED TASK, CAPTAIN.

I'M AHEAD OF YOU, SPOCK!

Sharman  
Divono  
Ron Harris  
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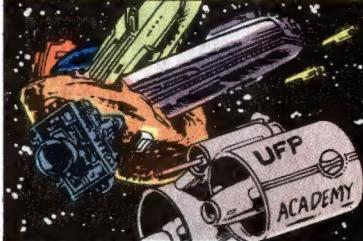
THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM... FOURTH PLANET...

THAT SYSTEM LIES WITHIN FREE TRADER LANES, CAPTAIN... A LOOSE ASSOCIATION OF...

PIRATES, THIEVES, AND CRIMINALS! THE FEDERATION HAS BEEN TRYING TO CLEAN UP THAT AREA FOR YEARS WITH NO LUCK!

HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO KIRK AND THE OTHER SHIPS IN THE REGATTA, THE CADETS IN CHARGE OF THE RACE HAVE PLANNED SOME SPECIAL HAZARDS TO MAKE THE TASKS MORE DIFFICULT...

...WE'RE TO BRING BACK A THORIAN BLOOD ROCK!



I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU'D BE READY WHEN THE SHIPS ARRIVE!

KID, I'M BEGINNIN' TO LIKE YA LESS AN' LESS! WE MADE A BARGAIN, AN' I INTEND TA KEEP MY HALF...

...MAKE SURE YA DO THE SAME!

THE FREE TRADERS DEAL WITH NON-PAYMENT IN A WAY YOU WON'T LIKE, KID...

ON THE ENTERPRISE, A COURSE IS SET FOR THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, WHERE KIRK MUST OBTAIN A BLOOD ROCK TO FINISH THE REGATTA...

DO THE CADETS KNOW THAT THORIS AMARNIS LIES INSIDE THE FREE TRADER LANES, THE MOST PIRATE-INFESTED SECTOR OF FEDERATION SPACE?



INDEED THEY DO, AND IT IS PART OF THEIR PLAN TO MAKE THINGS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THE RACE PARTICIPANTS...



HERE'S HALF THE MONEY, STURDEVANT, LIKE WE AGREED...

...AND REMEMBER, WE DON'T WANT ANYONE KILLED... JUST DELAY THEM A LITTLE!



DELAY? WE'LL BE LAUGHED AT BY EVERY OTHER FREE TRADER IN THIS SYSTEM, KID!

AT THE FREE TRADER BASE...

YOU KIDS WANT THE RACERS DELAYED, EH? WELL...



...WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA, MISTER NOSURA! MY ASSOCIATES AND I HAD YOU CHECKED OUT, AND WE THINK YOUR GRANDFATHER WILL PAY A LOT TO GET YOU BACK!



WE'LL DO THE JOB YOU PAID US FOR FIRST, OF COURSE. WE ALWAYS KEEP OUR WORD!

MEANWHILE, ON THE ENTERPRISE, HEADED FOR THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, KIRK CONSULTS WITH SPOCK ON THEIR RACE TASK...



HMM... THE COMPUTER CANNOT PROVIDE US WITH DATA ON THORIAN BLOOD ROCKS!

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ON THE FREE TRADER BRIDGE...

THE CLOAKING DEVICE IS ACTIVATED, STURDEVANT - AND HERE COMES OUR FIRST VICTIM...



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...THIS'LL BE FUN!



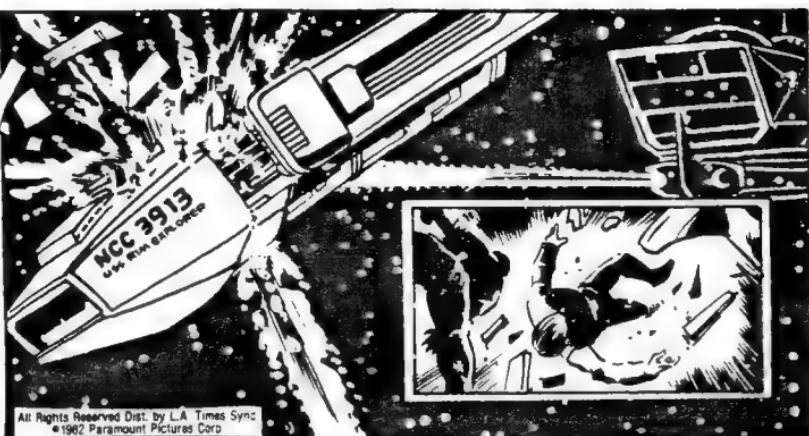
MEANWHILE ON THE ENTERPRISE...

SPOCK, THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THIS RACE...



INDEED...

THE FREE TRADERS ACTIVATE THEIR CLOAKING DEVICE OUTSIDE THE HYDRA DACO SYSTEM, AND THE RIM EXPLORER IS THE FIRST TO FALL VICTIM...

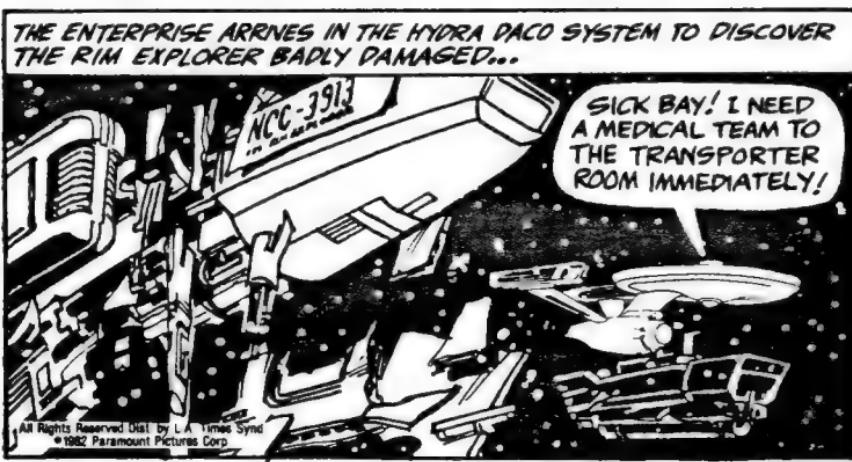
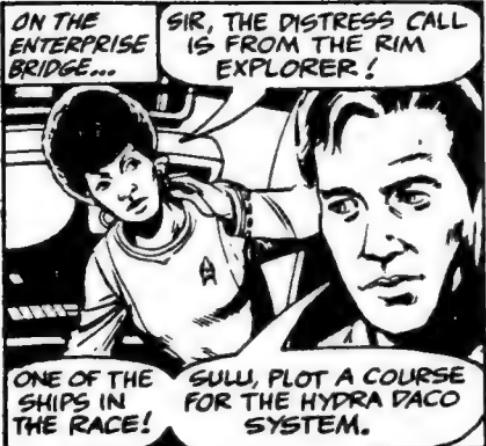


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ON THE ENTERPRISE, A FEW PARSECS AWAY...

SIR! I'M PICKING UP AN AUTOMATIC DISTRESS SIGNAL FROM A FEDERATION SHIP IN THE HYDRA DACO SYSTEM!





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AS THE DAMAGED SHIP,  
THE RIM EXPLORER, BEGINS  
TO BREAK APART...

...THE BOARDING PARTY RETURNS  
TO THE ENTERPRISE...

LET'S GET  
'EM TO  
SICK BAY!

KIRK HAS  
DIVERTED  
THE ENTERPRISE  
TO THE HYDRA  
DRAG SYSTEM  
AFTER RECEIVING  
A DISTRESS  
SIGNAL FROM  
THE CUTTER  
RIM EXPLORER...

Sharman  
DiVono  
—  
Ron  
Harris

DE SHIP  
IS BREAKING  
UP!  
INDEED,  
MR. CHEKOV.  
OUR ARRIVAL  
WAS TWELVE...

...COMMANDER  
UHURA, NOTIFY  
THE CAPTAIN.

IN THE  
ENTERPRISE  
SICK BAY,  
KIRK  
QUESTIONS  
HIS OLD  
FRIEND, BOB  
CLARK,  
CAPTAIN OF  
THE RIM  
EXPLORER...

WE WERE  
ATTACKED,  
JIM! THAT  
MUCH I'M  
SURE OF...

...BUT OUR SENSORS  
REGISTERED NO OTHER  
VESSEL IN THE AREA...

...EXCEPT  
AFTER  
WE WERE HIT!

...THEN, WE PICKED  
UP THE BOLD VEN-  
TURES SIGNAL FOR  
A FEW SECONDS!

VERA DI MARCO  
DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE  
YOUR CALL FOR  
HELP?

MEANWHILE, THE FREE TRADERS REMAIN  
IN THE AREA, THEIR SHIP HIDDEN BY THE  
CLOAKING DEVICE WHICH PROVED FATAL  
TO THE RIM EXPLORER...

THAT SMALL SHIP  
WAS HARDLY WORTH  
OUR EFFORT,  
STURDEVANT...

ON BOARD, ADMIRAL NOGURA'S GRANDSON  
AND THE OTHER STARFLEET ACADEMY  
CAPTS ARE HELD PRISONER...

...THE KLINGONS  
WOULD PAY  
ABOUT ANY  
AMOUNT. WE  
ASKED IF  
WE COULD  
DELIVER A  
FEDERATION  
WARSHIP  
TO THEM!

I WAS  
JUST  
THINKING  
THE SAME  
THING,  
MY DEAR...

WHAT'LL  
WE DO,  
KYOSHI?

I DIDN'T  
PLAN FOR  
ANYTHING  
LIKE THIS  
TO HAPPEN!

ON THE ENTERPRISE...

BOB CLARK LOST HIS SHIP AND  
ALMOST LOST HIS LIFE — ALL FOR A  
PAT ON THE BACK  
AND A  
TROPHY...

...AND WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT DO  
I WANT OUT OF THIS RACE?

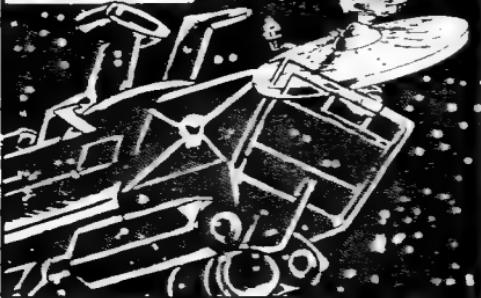
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WITH THE CREW OF THE RIM EXPLORER SAFELY ABOARD, THE ENTERPRISE CONTINUES ITS VOYAGE TO THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, UNAWARE THAT THE FREE TRADER SHIP IS FOLLOWING...



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IN SICK BAY...

THE SIGNAL FROM THE BOLD VENTURE MIGHT'VE BEEN A SENSOR GHOST... WHEN WE WERE HIT, ALL THE INSTRUMENTS WENT CRAZY!



WHAT BOthers ME IS THAT YOU NEVER SAW WHAT HIT YOU!

ON THE FREE TRADER...

THE KLINGONS'LL PAY ANYTHING TO GET THAT FEDERATION WARSHIP-DON'T LOSE IT!



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CAPTAIN'S LOG:  
STARDATE 7759.3:  
THE ENTERPRISE  
IS IN ORBIT  
AROUND THORIS  
AMARNIS 4...



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LET'S GET DOWN TO THE SURFACE... THE SOONER WE FINISH THIS REGATTA, THE HAPPIER I'LL BE!



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AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE BOLD VENTURE, SEVERAL LIGHT YEARS AWAY...

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN COMPETING IN THIS RACE AGAINST MY OLD TEACHER,

JIM KIRK...

...BUT LATELY I'VE BEEN SEEING MYSELF THROUGH HIS EYES...

...AND I DON'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH! HAVE I LOST THE WILL TO WIN?



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ON THE SURFACE OF THORIS AMARNIS 4...

WE'VE COME  
HUNDREDS OF LIGHT  
YEARS JUST TO  
WADE THROUGH A  
SWAMP!

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LOOK! IT'S  
A...

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...VILLAGE!



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ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

I'M PICKING UP A SUBSPACE COMMUNICATION... IT'S ORIGINATING FROM SOMEPLACE IN THIS AREA, BUT I CAN'T GET A FIX ON THE SOURCE!



ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

ACCORDING TO MY TRICORDER READINGS, CAPTAIN...

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KIRK AND THE LANDING PARTY  
OBSERVE THE NATIVE LIFE FORM  
OF THORIS AMARNIS IV...



...THEN HE'LL DECIDE ABOUT YOU. THE KLINGONS MAY NOT WANT A PACK OF STARFLEET CADETS AS AN ADDED BONUS.

MEANWHILE, THE LANDING PARTY HAS MADE AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE...

THESE BEINGS ARE INTELLIGENT! THEY USE THE BLOOD ROCKS FOR HEAT AND LIGHT!

WHAT HAVE I GOTTED US INTO? THIS ISN'T A FRIENDLY COMPETITION...

...IT'S SOME SORT OF BEHAVIORAL LAB EXPERIMENT... AND WE'RE THE RATS!



AND AT THAT MOMENT, ONLY A FEW PARSES AWAY, CAPTAIN VERA DIMARCO OF THE BOLD VENTURE HAS ARRIVED AT THE SAME CONCLUSION...





ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

I THINK THE LOCAL FOLKS'RE WAITIN' TO SEE WHAT WE'LL DO, CAPTAIN.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO STEAL FROM THEM, SCOTTY, WE'LL TRADE FOR THE BLOODROCKS!

MEANWHILE...

THE ENTERPRISE IS IN THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, CAPTAIN DIMARCO!

DIVERT OUR COURSE, HELMSMAN...

I NEED TO TALK WITH JIM KIRK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS REGATTA!

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AS THE BOLD VENTURE MANEUVERS INTO ORBIT AROUND THORIS AMARNIS 4...

STURDEVANT! ...ANOTHER FEDERATION WARSHIP!

THIS MAY PRESENT A PROBLEM.

WE MAY BE IN LUCK ...IF WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS FORCE FIELD.

HELLO BOLD VENTURE ...FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK SCOTTY? ...YOU'RE THE EXPERT ON BARTERING.

THEIR COUNTER-PROPOSAL'S TOO HIGH, CAPT'N, BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY INTERESTED!

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THIS IS A SIMPLE, OLD-STYLE FORCE-FIELD KYOSHI...

...WE CAN SHORT-CIRCUIT IT EASILY!

I REMEMBER HOW TO DO IT, TOO!

WE CAN'T TAKE BOTH STARSHIPS INTACT, STURGEON. WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE ROMULAN RAY ON ONE OF THEM.

WE PROMISED THE KLINGONS THEY'D GET THE ENTERPRISE ... THAT'S THE ONE WE HAVE TO DELIVER! ... I DON'T LIKE GOING BACK ON A DEAL WITH THE KLINGONS!

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ON THE BRIDGE OF THE BOLD VENTURE...

THANKS, MR. SULU. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL YOUR CAPTAIN RETURNS FROM THE SURFACE.

VERA, WE'LL LOSE THE RACE!



WE GOT THE ENTERPRISE AND THE BOLD VENTURE INTO THIS...

THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS REMOVE THE CLOAKING DEVICE SO THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT THE FREE TRADERS!

MEANWHILE, ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS, SCOTTY... A "BARGAIN BASEMENT SALE"? JUST MAKE A DEAL FOR ONE OF THE BLOOD ROCKS, AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

THE HONOR O' THE ENTERPRISE IS AT STAKE HERE, CAPTN!

WE'RE READY, KYOSHI!

ON THE FREE TRADER, THE CADETS IMPLEMENT THEIR PLAN TO SHORT-CIRCUIT THE FORCE FIELD....

LET'S DO IT!

WHAT THE...?

I'VE GOT THE CLOAKING DEVICE!

ON THE ENTERPRISE...

AND THE BOLD VENTURE...

THE DEFLECTOR SHIELDS WENT UP!

THERE'S A SHIP OUT THERE!



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FREE TRADER  
SHIP...

WE'RE VISIBLE TO THEIR SENSORS,  
STURDEVANT! THEY KNOW  
WE'RE HERE!



KYOSHI NOGURA  
AND HIS FRIENDS  
HAVE RUINED  
THE FREE  
TRADERS'  
CLOAKING  
DEVICE. THE  
ENTERPRISE  
AND THE BOLD  
VENTURE, IN  
ORBIT AROUND  
THORIS AMARNIS  
FOUR, ARE NOW  
AWARE OF THE  
PIRATE SHIP...



# STAR TREK

DIVONO/HARRIS

ON THORIS AMARNIS...

SULU, HAVE THE FREE TRADERS TOLD YOU WHAT THEY WANT IN EXCHANGE FOR KYOSHI NOGURA?

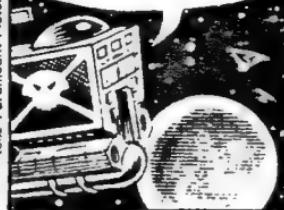
NO, BUT CAPTAIN DIMARCO IS HANDLING THE NEGOTIATIONS.



MEANWHILE...

STURDEVANT, WE PROMISED THE KLINGONS A FEDERATION WARSHIP, AND YOU SOLD THEM THE ENTERPRISE...

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...THEY'VE ALREADY TRANSFERRED THE PAYMENT TO OUR ACCOUNT ON BETA 5! BY FREE TRADER LAW WE HAVE TO DELIVER!

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ONCE WE PAY THE RANSOM FOR KYOSHI AND HIS FRIENDS, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THE FREE TRADERS WILL RELEASE THEM.

I AGREE.

I HAVE TO GET ABOARD THAT FREE TRADER SHIP!



THEY ARE OUT-NUMBERED, AND WITHOUT SUFFICIENT WEAPONRY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. THE HOSTAGES ARE THEIR ONLY HOPE OF ESCAPE.

ABOARD THE BOLD VENTURE. MEANWHILE...

INSTINCT TELLS ME THE FREE TRADERS ARE AFTER SOMETHING MORE THAN MONEY FOR THE ADMIRAL'S GRANDSON...

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...IF WE KNEW WHERE THE CADETS ARE BEING HELD, WE COULD GET THEM OUT !!

VERA, YOU'RE NOT THINKING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE THINKING. ...ARE YOU ?



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# STAR TREK

DIVONO/HARRIS

IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM  
OF THE BOLD VENTURE...

WHEN I GET  
ABOARD THE FREE  
TRADERS' SHIP, I'LL  
SIGNAL THE CADETS'  
COORDINATES  
TO YOU.

THIS  
RACE HAS  
CHANGED  
YOU SOMEHOW,  
VERA...

IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
YOU TO BE  
HEROIC.

I KNOW. I THINK IT  
WAS THE INCIDENT  
WITH THE RIM EX-  
PLORER THAT  
DID IT...

ON THORIS  
AMARNIS 4...

TRANSPORTER  
ROOM, BEAM ME  
TO THE CARGO  
HOLD OF THE  
FREE TRADER  
SHIP.

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...FOR ALL WE  
KNOW, WE LEFT  
THEM TO DIE!

GOOD  
LUCK,  
JIM.

ON THE  
BRIDGE OF  
THE FREE  
TRADER  
SHIP...

STURDEVANT,  
I'VE GOT THE FIRST  
OFFICER OF THE BOLD  
VENTURE ON THE  
RADIO...  
THE FEDERATION  
WANTS TO KNOW HOW  
MUCH WE WANT FOR  
THE CADETS.

STALL  
'EM!

...I HAVE TO  
FIGURE OUT  
WHAT TO TELL  
THE KLINGONS  
SO THEY DON'T  
COME LOOKING  
FOR US!

BUT, IN THE CARGO HOLD...

WELCOME, JIM!  
VERA!

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# STAR TREK

DIVONO/HARRIS

IN THE CARGO HOLD OF THE  
FREE TRADER SHIP...

ALL CLEAR  
OUT HERE,  
JIM!

THIS THORIAN BLOOD-  
ROCK WILL MAKE THINGS  
LIVELY AROUND HERE IN  
A FEW MINUTES!

STURDEVANT, THE  
TEMPERATURE IN  
NUMBER TWO  
CARGO HOLD  
HAS GONE  
WAY UP!

GO  
CHECK  
IT OUT.

NICE WORK,  
VERA!... THAT  
SHOULD EVEN  
THE ODDS A  
LITTLE!

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WHERE'S  
CHARLIE  
?

YOU SENT  
HIM TO CHECK  
OUT CARGO HOLD  
NUMBER TWO, A  
WHILE AGO...  
I'LL GO CHECK  
ON HIM.

WHAT'S  
THAT  
THING  
...?

TIME  
TO MAKE  
OUR MOVE  
ON THE  
BRIDGE!

STURDEVANT...  
MELKIS AND  
CHARLIE HAVEN'T  
COME OUT OF  
THE CARGO  
HOLD.

IF YA WANT  
SOMETHIN'  
DONE RIGHT  
AROUND HERE,  
YA GOTTA DO  
IT YOURSELF.  
IT SEEMS!

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# STAR TREK

by SHARON DIVONO  
and RON HARRIS

a creation of Gene Roddenberry

ON THE  
FREE TRADER  
SHIP...

STURDEVANT, THE TEMPERATURE IN  
NUMBER 2 CARGO HOLD IS REALLY  
GOING UP! THERE'S SOMETHING  
WRONG!

I'LL CHECK  
IT OUT!

MELKIS AND CHARLIE HAVEN'T  
COME OUT OF THERE YET...  
THERE CERTAINLY IS  
SOMETHING WRONG!

KIRK AND  
VERA DIMARCO  
HAVE BEAMED  
ABOARD THE  
FREE TRADER  
SHIP TO  
RESCUE  
KYOSHI  
NOGURA AND HIS FRIENDS...

JIM! I HEAR SOMEONE  
ELSE COMING!

BRINGING THAT  
THORIAN BLOOD  
ROCK UP HERE WAS  
A GOOD IDEA...

THEIR INSTRUMENTS  
ARE PROBABLY GOING  
CRAZY FROM THE HEAT  
IT'S GENERATING!

ALL RIGHT!  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON IN...



WHERE'S  
KYOSHI  
NOGURA?

I ... I SURRENDER!  
DON'T SHOOT!

HOURS LATER, AS THE ENTERPRISE  
AND THE BOLD VENTURE LEAVE  
THORIS AMARNIS 4 ...

I NEVER SAW SOMEONE SO HAPPY  
TO BE PUT IN THE BRIG AS  
STURDEVANT WAS!



I GUESS  
HE PREFERENCES  
JAIL TO  
TELLING THE  
KLINGONS  
THAT HE  
CAN'T SELL  
THEM THE  
ENTERPRISE!

ONE THING'S  
FOR SURE...  
BY NOW, YOUR  
FRIENDLY  
LITTLE RACE  
IS OVER,  
KYOSHI.

MAYBE  
NOT, JIM...

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY  
TO THE BOLD VENTURE  
AND THE ENTERPRISE  
HAVING THEIR OWN  
PRIVATE RACE?

YOUR CREW AGAINST  
MINE? NO TRICKS  
THIS TIME - JUST  
AN HONEST TEST  
OF SKILL?

# STAR TREK

DIVONO/HARRIS

AFTER RESCUING KYOSHI NOGURA AND THE OTHER ACADEMY CADETS FROM THE FREE TRADERS, KIRK AND VERA DIMARCO DECIDE TO RACE AGAINST EACH OTHER ....

MAY THE  
BEST SHIP WIN!

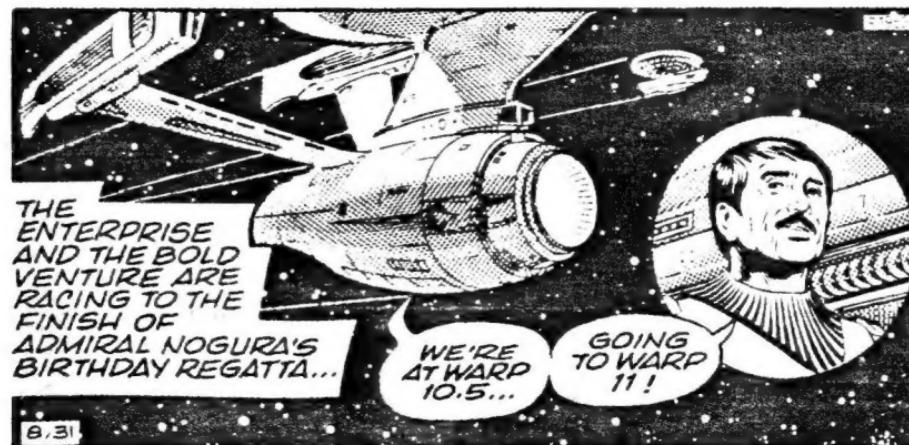
THANKS...

...WE WILL!

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THE ENTERPRISE AND THE BOLD VENTURE ARE RACING TO THE FINISH OF ADMIRAL NOGURA'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA...

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WHILE ON THE BOLD VENTURE...

THE ENTERPRISE IS PULLING AHEAD!

CAPTAIN DIMARCO NEEDS MORE SPEED, YOU MONKEYS!







AS THE ENTERPRISE REACHES THE FINISH LINE....

U.S.S.  
ENTERPRISE,  
YOUR TIME IS  
29 HOURS.

THE ENTERPRISE AND THE BOLD VENTURE WERE THE LAST TO FINISH THE RACE. ...THERE'S NO REWARD, AND YET...

...THAT'S WHY I THINK I HAVE THE BEST CREW IN STARFLEET!

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THE PERSONAL VICTORY IS WORTH MORE TO US THAN ANY PLAQUE, KYOSHI.

CONGRATULATIONS, JIM!  
YOUR CREW DID A SPLENDID JOB...

...WOULD THE WINNER CARE TO BUY THE LOSER DINNER IN CHINA-TOWN TONIGHT?

...BUT I DON'T THINK THERE WERE ANY LOSERS IN THIS RACE!

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I'D LOVE TO,  
VERA...

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